

OUR MISSION

H.O.P.E., Inc.'s mission is to serve low-income single parents working to obtain a college degree by providing assistance in subsidized housing, childcare assistance, social services, and life skills.



VISION STATEMENT

Our vision is to **EMPOWER, ENCOURAGE,** and **EQUIP** single parents in our community.



CONTACT Us



HAND in HAND



To inquire about our program or to apply, visit our website at:

WWW.HOPBE.ORG

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A Partnership Program between:



**HOPE
Inc.**



Rainbow Village

ABOUT Us



H.O.P.E., Inc. (Helping Other People be Empowered) began in November 2009 as a passion and focus of the President & Founder, Kenita Pierce-Lewis. As a former single parent she struggled to complete her B.B.A & M.B.A. She noticed that there was not much support for single parents trying to finish their college education, and she wanted to create an organization that would allow her to give HOPE to others that are in the same situation she was in at a season in her life. Statistics show that the number one reason students do not finish their college education is due to financial stress. The government supports single parents with rent financially (up to \$250) if they are not employed, and only assist with childcare if the parent is enrolled in junior college and has an income under the poverty level for their household.

The organization assists single parents by providing them with subsidized housing vouchers and childcare vouchers while they are attending school. The vouchers will be directly paid to the apartment leasing offices and direct childcare providers on behalf of the program participants.



GOAL

Target those single parents that may not qualify for government assistance, but without assistance are unable to provide for their children and plan for a better future.

PURPOSE

Help single parents focus on their academics without the anxieties of shelter loss and childcare issues.

QUALIFICATIONS

H.O.P.E., Inc. determines eligibility by conducting an application process, in which the individuals would provide an application, proof of dependency and residency, proof of employment and income (last four check stubs), and proof of academic enrollment, as well as, current/last semester transcript. Applicants are not expected to pay to participate in our program.

The qualifications for H.O.P.E. participants are:

- Must be a US Citizen.
- Must be a single parent.
- Must be a high school graduate, or have obtained a GED.
- Must be enrolled in a two or four year college as a Full-Time student.
- Must be employed as a FT or PT employee for at least 6 months.
- Must show financial need.
- Must have and maintain a B (2.7) average. All participants will be required to provide transcripts of grades after every semester.
- Must meet all requirements of **Rainbow Villages** program before starting the **H.O.P.E., Inc. Hand in Hand** program.
- Must be enrolled in the **Rainbow Village** graduate program to receive assistance from **H.O.P.E., Inc.**



*** Note: All assistance will start once the participant has graduated from the Rainbow Village Bridge Program.**

OUR SERVICES

Rent Assistance: Up to \$400 a month (depending on the applicant's financial need) for a maximum of 2 years if enrolled in a 2 year college, or 4 years if enrolled in a 4 year college.

Childcare Assistance: Up to \$100 a week (depending on the applicant's financial need) for a maximum of 2 years if enrolled in a 2 year college, or 4 years if enrolled in a 4 year college.

Seminars: Life skills such as financial budgeting and job related trainings to help empower the individual.

Spiritual Edification Courses & Counseling: Will be provided at the request of the applicant.

*The services we provide are based strictly upon donations with 100% going towards the program.

